

Outdoor Committee Meeting November 16, 2015

Present: Dave Hamilton (Co-Overall), Sean Maharg (Co-Overall), Josie Hamilton, Krista Hamilton, Lance Bratlien, Becky deMontigny, Marilyn deMontigny (Dairy), Kimberly Lowry, Isabelle Lowry, David Lowry, Shane Tamcke (Beef), Georgana Webster (Livestock Judging), Tara Parry, Teresa Kelly Brewer, Kegan Brewer, Vanessa Olson (Rabbit), Clancy Olson, Mariah Olson, Janell Van Diest, Damon Van Diest, Ben Swanson, Kathy Swanson, Dave Swanson (Swine), Jeff Patten (Sheep), Wyatt Roberts, Sydney Deaton, Kelvin Gebhardt, Lloyd Tangen, Kathy Edwards, Andrea Corbally, Carmen Diehl, Dawn Schneider (Horse), Mary Meyer (Extension), Katie Merchen, Sandy Merchen, Wade Bratlien, Karen Bratlien (Dog)

The meeting was called to order by Sean Maharg.

The October 12, 2015 meeting minutes were presented. It was noted that Sheri Onstad's name was misspelled. Shane Tamcke made a motion to accept the minutes. Wes Brewer seconded and the motion carried.

Superintendent Reports

Beef – Shane Tamcke reported tagging will be January 10, 2015 and noted that Isabelle Lowry's steer was selected in the top 5% for carcass in the state.

Dairy – Marilyn deMontigny reported the next meeting will December 5. She is hopeful the project will be able to participate in milk quality testing as part of the project the State.

Dog – Karen Bratlien reported the project is underway with workshops then training. For those interested in the project, please sign up no later than December 1.

Goat – Josie Hamilton reported there will be a project meeting this Sunday, November 22 at 1 PM at the BHB for the various goat breeds.

Herdsmanship – Nothing at this time.

Horse – Dawn Schneider reported there is lots going on. Friday had a workshop of 20 people for horse. Saturday a group when to Bozeman to compete in an FAA competition. Our team placed 5th overall and 2 members placed in top 10 with 110 participants. Meeting tomorrow night to approve new club list, policy manual update and balancing of fair. December 11 there will be another educational workshop.

Livestock Judging – Georganna Webster reported the winners of Fair Scavenger Hunt won a field trip to the Nile for Livestock Judging. She invited project members to the Maggie Show in January and noted several other events this year for judging.

Poultry – Kaitlyn Edwards reported there will not be a December meeting.

Quality Assurance – Janelle reported she and Katelyn McKay took on the project this year and want to make it fun for kids to come to quality assurance. Dates will be January 3, 2016 at 1 PM and April 22, 2016 at 6 PM at the BHB. Kelsey Stoner, 4-H Alumni, will be presenting in January on becoming a veterinarian.

Rabbit – Vanessa Olson reported their meeting will follow the Outdoor Committee meeting tonight.

Round Robin – nothing to report

Sale – Dave Hamilton reported an update will be given later in the meeting.

Sheep – Jeff Patton reported the project workshops will be January 31, March 27 has been changed to April 3, and June 28. June will be a showmanship workshop. Workshop times will be determined. The Lamb Camp will be held June 11 and 12 in conjunction with the Jackpot.

Swine – Dave Swanson nothing at this time.

Extension Report – Mary Meyer reported on Learning Lab resources that are available to projects. Please see Mary if you would like to check out one of the Beef, Swine, Horse or Weed Range Management kits. If you have any of the kits, please return them to the Extension Office.

Mary introduced Wyatt Roberts, who is a Miles City 4-Her and currently going to Carroll for Engineering. He would like to volunteer with our program.

McDonald's of Helena would like to support new kids to 4-H to help them raise an animal by a scholarship or project award opportunity. The sponsor would like to know if this is a good idea and if there would be a place that would allow these kids to host their animals. Discussion followed. The recommendation was made to put in the newsletter, notify those kids in indoor if they have any interested, and table further discussion until January to see if there is interest.

Carcass Training will be held February 20.

Please see Dave Hamilton for Murdoch Discount cards being handed out tonight.

Barn Security – Wes Brewer nothing at this time.

New Business

Junior Superintendent Applications – Dave Hamilton announced applications for Junior Superintendent are in and passed out applications to Superintendent's present. Junior Superintendents are:

- Overall - Keegan Brewer and Kyler Maharg
- Dog - Shea Sullivan
- Goat – Josie Hamilton and Dylan Maharg
- Round Robin – Chris Gransbery
- Poultry – Katelyn Edwards
- Security – Taton Brewer
- Swine – Miranda Bragg and Wade Bratlien

For other projects without Junior Superintendents, Superintendents were recommended to move forward in speaking with youths who might be interested in the positions.

Proposed Rule Changes/Bylaws from Council – Dave Hamilton updated the group. Some of the changes are to the handbook. Those items to discuss at the committee level are:

Blue Jeans versus Black Jeans – Dave Hamilton reported on the request of nice blue jeans to show fair. Discussion followed. Jeff Patton made a motion to recommend we accept dark denim or black jeans are to be worn to show. Wes Brewer seconded the motion. Votes: Yes - unopposed.

Birth dates of Lamb and Swine – Jeff Patton reported on the birthdate of lamb of which is the national and state date standards. Mary Meyer clarified from the state that the recommendation is for hair breed lamb. Shane Tamcke made a motion to leave the birthdate as it is. Jeff Patton seconded. Discussion followed. Vote: Yes - unopposed.

Dave Hamilton brought the swine birthdate to discussion. Teresa Kelly Brewer reported on that we (LCC 4-H) have continued to increase the weight for the swine and we've had to send kids home for not being at weight. Dave Swanson made a motion to leave the birthdate as January 1 and leave minimum weigh at 210 lbs. Keegan Brewer seconded. Discussion followed. Vote: Yes – 18 / No – 9. Motion carries. Due to the motion made, the recommendation for Swine weight was tabled.

Dave noted the following recommendations would be tabled until the December 14, 2015 meeting due to time constraints:

- Show versus Market – Dave was concerned about a decision as some already have beef in possession.
- Adding Council President to the Committee(s) for Sick or Unmanageable Animals at Fair
- No Livestock during Judging of Educational Displays
- All Grand and Reserves awards will be the same of Outdoor and Indoor

Agenda Items to be tabled until the December 14, 2015 due to time constraints are:

- Mandatory Workshop or Species Related Activity Attendance – Dave Hamilton would like to see a committee of adults and youth address this topic.
- Animal Project Fees - Dave Hamilton would like to see a committee of adults and youth address this topic.

Sales Committee – Dave Hamilton noted that Dave and Martha Gardner have stepped down from the Sales Superintendent positions. Since no other Superintendent has been identified, Sean and Dave have met and feel that a committee needs to run this project. Shane Tamcke recommended that all market animal superintendents need to be on the committee.

Process of the Committee – Dave Hamilton asked for buy-in from those that make up this committee and that would be those that attend. We need to make recommendations with limited decision making. With that in mind, whoever shows up at the Outdoor meeting, gets to vote on the recommendation(s) presented. However, in the event there are tough decisions to make (i.e. variances, confidential, etc.) only standing adult project superintendents will be present to make the decisions.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM.